

Matching System

Abstract

A method and system for matching a buyer of goods with a seller of goods. The seller
5 lists its goods for sale on the system by way of the Internet. The seller classifies the
goods two ways. First, the goods are classified in accordance with their characteristics
and second, in accordance with the criteria for acceptable buyers of the goods. To access
the system a buyer must register for access. The registration process requires the buyer to
submit, by way of the Internet, information regarding the buyer's identity and business
10 operations. The system independently verifies the information submitted by the buyer
and provides for the assessment of its veracity. Upon the verification of the information,
the buyer is either granted or denied access to the system. Buyers granted access are able
to query the system in relation to the characteristics of the goods listed thereon. All
goods which match the buyer's query will be filtered based on the identity of the buyer
15 and the buyer criteria associated with the goods. Those goods which match the buyer's
query and for which the buyer satisfies the buyer criteria associated with such goods will
be displayed to the buyer as available for purchase.

Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to methods and systems for matching a buyer of goods with
20 a seller of goods.

Background of the Invention